



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Another year has come and gone! It seems like I am always motivated at the start of a new year to reorganize, pass along possessions I don't need or use any longer and have a good cleanup. The last few years I have been trying to use products that are less hazardous. Here are a few "recipes" that I use.

GENERAL CLEANER: Mix 4 Tablespoons baking soda, 2 Tablespoons soap (1 use laundry or liquid soap like Dr. Bronners or Jergens) in 1 quart water. You can also add 1 Teaspoon borax.

DISINFECTANT: 1/2 cup borax in one gallon water.

WINDOW CLEANER: 2 teaspoons white vinegar and 1 quart water. If the smell of vinegar bothers you, try substituting lemon juice. I also use newspaper instead of paper towels or rags. A squeegee will work too.

FURNITURE POLISH: 1 Teaspoon vinegar, 1 Teaspoon olive oil added to 1 pint water. Another type which I prefer is 1/2 lemon oil to 1/2 mineral or vegetable oil.

DRAIN CLEANER/OPENER: Pour table salt down drain and flush with boiling water after 10 minutes. Another option is to pour 2 Tablespoons vinegar and 1/4 cup baking soda down drain and flush with boiling water after 10 minutes.

SCOURING POWDER: Sprinkle table salt, borax and baking soda onto a damp sponge. Or scrub area with a half of lemon dipped in borax.

OVEN CLEANER: Baking soda on grease or if it is a fresh spill sprinkle table salt on it and wipe off when dry. Another option is to mix 1 quart water with 2 teaspoons borax and 2 teaspoons liquid soap. Spray on oven and let sit 20 minutes, then wipe off. I have found that these methods only work if grime has not built up. If anyone knows a method that works on grimy ovens please let me know.

Commercial oven cleaner is one of the most toxic products we use and most people just toss the cans in the trash after they are emptied.

AMMONIA: 1 Cup vinegar to 1 gallon water.

BLEACH: Substitute vinegar, borax or baking soda. It works well in the laundry too.

CRAYON MARKS: Rub area with toothpaste and damp sponge.

CARPET CLEANER & STAIN REMOVER: 1 teaspoon glycerin, 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap and 1/4 cup water. Apply to area and blot off.

SILVER POLISH: Rub with toothpaste and rinse with water. For copper use lemon juice and salt.

TOILET BOWL CLEANER: 1/2 Cup borax and 1 gallon water.

MILDEW REMOVER: 2 Tablespoons Vinegar to 1 quart water.

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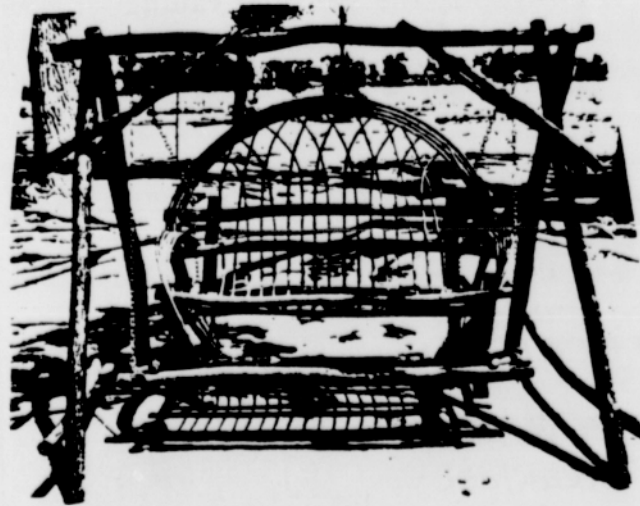
Good news for Cannon Beach residents. We will be having another Household Hazardous Waste pickup on April 13.

It is a good idea to always store hazardous materials separately from trash. Those items include batteries, oven cleaner, metal polishes, wood polishes, insecticides, antifreeze, paint, strippers & thinners, varnish, degreasers, motor oil, asphalt roofing materials, moth balls, spot removers, ammonia-based cleaners, drain cleaners and any aerosols.

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